

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
WEDNESDAY JULY 2, 2003 - 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Northern California, Southern California and Northern Rockies Areas and light elsewhere with 153 new fires reported. Five new large fires were reported, two in the Northwest Area, one in the Rocky Mountain Area, and two in the Northern California Area. Four large fires were contained, two each in the Southern California and Northern California Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

**NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES**

DAVIS, Deschutes National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hoff) is assigned. This fire is 12 miles west of La Pine, OR. Active fire behavior was observed in lodgepole pine, Douglas fir, white fir and ponderosa pine. Crews made good progress constructing fireline and are conducting burn out operations on the southeast and northwest flanks of the fire.

FAWN PEAK/SWEET GRASS, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Jennings) is assigned. These lightning caused fires are burning in heavy timber and sub-alpine fir, 13 miles north of Winthrop, WA. Direct attack is underway on the Sweet Grass fire, and a plan is being developed for the Fawn Peak. Road closures are in effect in the fire area.

TIMBERLINE, Colville Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is ten miles east of Omak, WA. Torching and spotting were observed in timber and grass. The fire did not increase in size. Crews are constructing handline and mopping up along the perimeter.

SULPHUR CREEK, Western Lane District, Oregon Department of Forestry. This fire is in timber and grass five miles southeast of Mapleton, OR. Crews are constructing fireline and mopping up along the perimeter.

NINE MILE, Northeast, Washington State Department of Forestry. This fire is burning five miles east of Oroville, WA. Crews are holding and improving firelines. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
DAVIS	OR	DEF	16,100	50	7/5	851	26	38	4	0	1.3M
FAWN PEAK/ SWEET GRASS	WA	OWF	105	0	UNK	162	3	0	7	0	200K
TIMBERLINE	WA	COA	250	80	7/2	130	4	9	2	0	NR
SULPHUR CREEK	OR	78S	650	40	UNK	85	4	0	2	0	891K
NINE MILE	WA	NES	800	50	7/2	UNK	4	15	1	0	200K

## EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES

APEX, Southwest State, Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Suwyn) is assigned. This fire is in brush, pinyon pine and juniper, 12 miles west of St. George, UT. Erratic winds caused significant runs and long range spotting. Crews are holding along the south and east flanks, and constructing fireline on the northwest flank.

WOODENSHOE, Manti-LaSal National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Bonefeld) is assigned. This fire is in the Dark Canyon Wilderness Area, 25 miles west of Blanding, UT. The fire is being managed with a confine/contain strategy. Occasional torching with short runs and some spotting in mixed conifer was observed.

FIN CANYON, Southeast State, Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands. This fire is 18 miles west of Price, UT. Some crowning, torching and spotting was observed in mixed conifer and logging slash. Crews are mopping up.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
APEX	UT	SWS	28,500	35	7/7	517	14	19	5	1	880K
WOODENSHOE	UT	MLF	925	0	UNK	44	1	1	0	0	NR
FIN CANYON	UT	SES	100	80	UNK	108	4	1	2	0	NR

## SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

JENNY, Gila National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Mullenix) is assigned. This lightning caused fire is in mixed conifer, pinyon pine and oak, 45 miles northwest of Truth or Consequences, NM. Low to moderate fire behavior with isolated torching was observed. Crews made good progress building fireline on the northwest and south flanks.

DRY LAKE COMPLEX, Gila National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Duncan) is assigned. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use complex, comprised of the Dry Lake, Sycamore, Moonshine and Granny fires, is 27 miles northwest of Silver City, NM. The complex is being managed to accomplish multiple resource objectives. Minimal fire behavior was observed in stands of mixed conifer, pinyon pine, juniper, ponderosa pine and grass. Crews continue to patrol and monitor the fires. The increase in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

ASPEN, Coronado National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kvale) is assigned. This fire is in the Pusch Ridge Wilderness Area, 17 miles northeast of Tucson, AZ. Group torching and short range spotting were observed in mixed conifer, ponderosa pine and brush. Extremely steep slopes, large rock outcrops and rugged ridgelines are hampering containment efforts on the southwest perimeter. Air resources are assisting in containment efforts on the southwest corner of the fire.

POWELL, Grand Canyon National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is burning in ponderosa pine, grass, gambel oak and manzanita, 23 miles northwest of Grand Canyon Village, AZ. The fire is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire spread south and southwest with occasional short, uphill runs in brush on the east and west slopes of the Powell Plateau.

SECO, Gila National Forest. This fire is in the Aldo Leopold Wilderness Area, 15 miles southwest of Winston, NM. The fire is being managed with a confine/contain strategy. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
JENNY	NM	GNF	6,520	80	UNK	333	9	9	3	0	1.4M
DRY LAKE COMPLEX	NM	GNF	43,400	0	UNK	90	6	0	2	0	1.3M
ASPEN	AZ	CNF	41,500	70	UNK	468	6	26	7	323	8.8M
POWELL	AZ	GCP	2,835	0	UNK	36	0	0	1	0	368K
SECO	NM	GNF	5,300	25	UNK	227	5	0	3	0	753K

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
TEJON	CA	KRN	1,155	100	---	400	13	66	0	1	1.6M
MOUNTAIN	CA	TCU	80	100	---	291	11	18	0	0	NR

KRN = Kern County FD, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

TCU = Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

FRIDAY, Six Rivers National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Wendt) is assigned. This fire is on Highway 299, one mile west of Salyer, CA. Active fire behavior was observed in mixed conifer and manzanita. Crews are mopping up and rehabilitating fire line.

FORTY, Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This fire is burning in chaparral, four miles west of Rumsey, CA. Some spotting was observed at the head of the fire. Crews are monitoring and mopping up.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
FRIDAY	CA	SRF	485	95	UNK	467	14	19	2	0	300K
FORTY	CA	LNU	300	NR	7/2	285	8	17	2	0	50K
97	CA	SKU	205	100	---	54	2	7	0	1	150K
SACKETT	CA	LNU	200	100	---	58	6	7	0	1	115K

SKU = Siskiyou Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

LNU = Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA

YANKEE GULCH, Western Slope Center, Bureau of Land Management. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is burning in pinyon pine, juniper and sage, 35 miles southwest of Meeker, CO. The fire is being managed to accomplish multiple resource objectives. Group torching and short crown runs were observed. Continued monitoring of fire size and behavior is planned.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
YANKEE GULCH	CO	CRD	170	NR	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	NR

## OUTLOOK:

**Red Flag Warnings:** Red Flag Warning for southwest Utah for winds and low relative humidity.

**Fire Weather Watches:** Fire Weather Watch for portion of southeast Idaho for winds and low relative humidity.

**Weather Discussion:** The upper trough that has been off the Northwest coast will move across the Northwest and the Northern Rockies. Elsewhere, a dry southwest flow will continue over the West except for some moisture over New Mexico and eastern Arizona. Rain is expected from the mid-Atlantic coast through the Gulf Coast along with an area of showers over the Dakotas. In Alaska, rain is expected over much of the interior.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>EASTERN AREA</b> Partly cloudy, mild and breezy across northeast Wisconsin and the upper of Michigan	82 to 88	37 to 47%	South to southwest wind increasing to 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon
<b>EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Hot and dry. Windy southern Utah and Arizona Strip.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton 60 to 80 mountains, 80 to 92 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip 73 to 92 mountains, 90 to 106 valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton, northern half Utah 15 to 30% mountains, 8 to 16% valleys. Southern half Utah and Arizona Strip 2 to 15%.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton, northern half Utah west to southwest winds 10 to 25 mph. Southern half Utah, Arizona Strip southwest winds 15 to 25 mph, gusts to 40 mph possible southwest Utah and Arizona Strip.
<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Clear except for night and morning fog and low clouds along the coast and in the coastal valleys.	60s near the coast. Inland 70s and 80s higher elevations and 80s and lower 90s lower elevations.	7 to 14% east of the Sierra Cascade Crest and 14 to 32% west of the crest.	Southwest to west winds 8 to 18 mph in the afternoon with gusts 25 to 30 mph along and east of the Sierra Cascade Crest.
<b>NORTHWEST AREA</b> Partly cloudy western Washington and northwestern Oregon. Mostly sunny eastern Washington and Oregon.	60s and 70s west of Cascades and 70s to lower 80s eastside and extreme southwest Oregon.	Above 40% west side and 15 to 30% eastside except 5 to 15% southeast Oregon.	Northwest to southwest winds 10 to 15 mph with gusts to 25 mph in windier spots east of Cascades.
<b>ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA</b> Hot and dry, except a few thunderstorms over the northeast plains.	Highs in the upper 80s to mid 90s, with 70s to lower 80s in the mountains.	8 to 18% western sections, except 15 to 25% over the mountains. 25 to 40% in the east.	Northwest winds 15 to 25 mph in the Black Hills area, variable 5 to 17 mph elsewhere.
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Areas of morning low clouds and fog coastal areas, otherwise sunny.	75 to 95 mountains. 90 to 105 valleys. 90 to 105 upper deserts. 100 to 115 low deserts.	5 to 15% deserts. 10 to 20% mountains. 15 to 25% valleys.	Southwest to northwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

<b>SOUTHWEST AREA</b> Mostly sunny and dry Arizona. Isolated dry thunderstorms western New Mexico. Partly cloudy with isolated wet thunderstorms higher elevations central New Mexico to west Texas.	80s mountains, 98 to near 110 lower elevations.	5 to 15% Arizona and western New Mexico, 15 to 25% central New Mexico, and 25% or more far eastern New Mexico and west Texas.	Southwest to northwest winds 5 to 15 mph eastern Arizona, New Mexico and west Texas. West to northwest 10 to 20 mph gusting to 25 mph western Arizona.
<b>NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA</b> Partly Cloudy. Isolated Thunderstorms over southwest Montana.	Idaho 70 to 85. Western Montana 75 to 85.	Idaho 20 to 30%. Western Montana 15 to 25%.	Idaho west winds 5 to 15 mph. Western Montana southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

## ***DOWNHILL FIRELINE CONSTRUCTION CHECKLIST***

Downhill fireline construction is hazardous in step terrain, fast-burning fuels, or rapidly changing weather. Downhill fireline construction should not be attempted unless there is no tactical alternative. When building downhill fireline, the following is required:

- Crew supervisor(s) and fireline overhead will discuss assignments prior to committing crew(s). Responsible overhead individual (TFLD or ICT4 qualified or better) will stay with job until completed.
- Decision will be made after proposed fireline has been scouted by supervisor(s) of involved crew(s).
- LCES will be coordinated for all personnel involved.
  - Crew supervisor(s) is in direct contact with lookout who can see the fire.
  - Communication is established between all crews.
  - Ensure rapid access to safety zone(s) in case fire crosses below crew(s).
- Direct attack will be used whenever possible; if not possible, the fireline should be completed between anchor points before being fired out.
- Fireline will not lie in or adjacent to a chute or chimney.
- Starting point will be anchored for crew(s) building fireline down from the top.
- Bottom of the fire will be monitored; if the potential exists for the fire to spread, action will be taken to secure the fire edge.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1		7		8
	ACRES			10,440		2,716		13,156
Northwest	FIRES		1		1	23		25
	ACRES		77		0	26		103
Northern California	FIRES	2				19	1	22
	ACRES	0				208	0	208
Southern California	FIRES	1	1			30		32
	ACRES	1	2			2,092		2,095
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3	1	1		13	7	25
	ACRES	3	5	290		14	9	321
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		4			3	2	9
	ACRES		6,441			3	176	6,620
Western Great Basin	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		15					15
Southwest	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					45		45
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		0			2		2
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					1		1
Southern Area	FIRES	1				25		26
	ACRES	102				155		257
TOTAL	FIRES	7	8	2	1	125	10	153
	ACRES	106	6,540	10,730	0	5,262	185	22,823

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	13	15	10	316	7	363
	ACRES	20	1,318	54,375	3,517	160,320	0	219,550
Northwest	FIRES	41	47	4	10	363	169	634
	ACRES	2,999	218	1,001	11	1,029	16,277	21,535
Northern California	FIRES	46	7	1	5	685	148	892
	ACRES	23	0	1	6,510	9,275	617	16,426
Southern California	FIRES	25	56	5	4	857	197	1,144
	ACRES	730	1,370	355	2	7,268	545	10,270
Northern Rockies	FIRES	477	7	17	2	186	113	802
	ACRES	3,224	16	991	0	16,398	1,439	22,068
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	12	188		5	150	180	535
	ACRES	1,179	35,364		0	1,630	1,079	39,252
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	139	1	2	25	24	194
	ACRES	0	1,597	0	0	507	594	2,698
Southwest	FIRES	373	89	12	9	533	661	1,677
	ACRES	2,138	3,402	1,288	3,391	12,647	71,584	94,450
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	52	265	22	17	435	127	918
	ACRES	161	148	1,584	202	3,367	594	6,056
Eastern Area	FIRES	905		65	16	8,121	396	9,503
	ACRES	52,186		6,591	685	107,345	5,498	172,305
Southern Area	FIRES	105		14	11	10,355	310	10,795
	ACRES	20,514		3,719	756	151,546	8,768	185,303
TOTAL	FIRES	2,041	811	156	91	22,026	2,332	27,457
	ACRES	83,174	43,433	69,905	15,074	471,332	106,995	789,913

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>42,936</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>1,362,198</b>

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**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			60				60
Southern California	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				878			878
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES			2				2
	ACRES			34				34
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
	ACRES	0	0	94	878	0	0	972

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					1,555		1,555
Northwest	FIRES	28	90	146	5		217	486
	ACRES	5,351	10,896	4,675	88		28,180	49,190
Northern California	FIRES	2	11	100	16		127	256
	ACRES	31	273	16,018	2,193		9,712	28,227
Southern California	FIRES		2	3	5		89	99
	ACRES		27	621	2,962		13,641	17,251
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	11	68	4	23	314	432
	ACRES	502	3,808	9,189	760	1,750	15,011	31,020
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	17	3		9	24	54
	ACRES	18	3,791	300		910	6,200	11,219
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1		2		1	4
	ACRES		100		320		230	650
Southwest	FIRES	12	32	19	4	3	226	296
	ACRES	3,332	25,321	39,373	4,877	12	43,128	116,043
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	14	76	9	10	73	208
	ACRES	1,718	1,336	12,261	9,542	132	5,683	30,672
Eastern Area	FIRES	23		310	16	443	194	986
	ACRES	10,562		56,064	1,823	78,470	26,708	173,627
Southern Area	FIRES	53		254	63	11,457	1,143	12,970
	ACRES	19,379		90,182	81,178	715,304	881,098	1,787,141
TOTAL	FIRES	157	178	979	124	11,951	2,408	15,797
	ACRES	40,893	45,552	228,683	103,743	798,133	1,029,591	2,246,595

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				1		3	4
	ACRES				0		0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				1			1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1	1
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES				1		9	10
	ACRES				750		80,723	81,473
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		15		2		1	18
	ACRES		217		0		1	218
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				3			3
	ACRES				830			830
TOTAL	FIRES	0	15	0	8	0	17	40
	ACRES	0	217	0	1,581	0	80,725	82,523

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**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	0	0	488	3,778
Yukon Territory	0	0	46	3,723
Alberta	19	4	493	2,455
Northwest Territory	1	2	52	3,852
Saskatchewan	2	0	249	38,832
Manitoba	5	5,001	659	201,118
Ontario	2	0	612	247,835
Quebec	7	1,466	471	50,161
Newfoundland	2	6	97	1,148
New Brunswick	5	2	139	174
Nova Scotia	0	0	199	1,261
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	6	343
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>6481</b>	<b>3,511</b>	<b>554,680</b>

**RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES**

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska	1	5								
Northwest	16	28	16	57	5	11			209	83
Northern California	25	26	47	69	3	2			40	55
Southern California	3	24	2	99	4				2	83
Northern Rockies	13	2	16	3	4	1			4	
Eastern Great Basin	16	6	41	12	11	1	1		109	2
Western Great Basin	5			1	3	1			17	
Southwest	24	3	7	38	10	4			323	227
Rocky Mountain			2				1		4	2
Eastern Area										
Southern Area										
<b>Total</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>452</b>

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